

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims to read as indicated in the following list of claims:

1. [Currently amended] A method of managing profile information comprising the steps of[[:]]:

supplying dummy information to a remote profile database,

accessing a service operable to request profile information from the remote profile database and

supplying correct information to the remote profile database to update the previously supplied dummy information with the correct information, and,

after accessing the service, supplying dummy information to the remote profile database to update the previously supplied correct information with dummy information.

2. [Currently amended] A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of detecting a service request and, in response, automatically generating an update request to send said correct information to the remote profile database.

3. [Original] A method according to claim 2 comprising the step of supplying the correct information to the remote profile database in response to the update request.

4. [Previously presented] A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of detecting the end of the service access and generating a dummy information update request.

5. [Original] A method according to claim 4 comprising the step of supplying dummy information to the remote profile database in response to the dummy information update request.

6. [Previously presented] A method according to claim 1 comprising the step of storing correct information in a local database.

7. [Currently amended] An agent for managing profile information, the agent being operable to [[:]]:

supply dummy information to a remote profile database and to

supply correct information to a remote profile database to update the previously supplied dummy information with the correct information.

8. [Currently amended] An agent according to claim 7 operable to supply said correct information to a remote profile database in response to an update request.

9. [Currently amended] An agent according to claim 7 wherein the agent is operable to supply dummy information to the remote profile database in response to a dummy

information update request to update the previously supplied correct information with the dummy information.

10. [Previously presented] An agent according to claim 8 wherein the update request and/or the dummy information update request are generated by a user.

11. [Previously presented] An agent according to claim 8 wherein the update request and/or the dummy information update request are generated in response to a service access.

12. [Previously presented] An agent according to claim 7 operable to display the status of the information supplied to the remote profile database to a user.

13. [Currently amended] An agent according to claim 7 operable to read a local database to obtain the correct information and supply the correct information to the remote profile database to update the previously supplied dummy information with the correct information.

14. [Previously presented] A computer, the computer being operable to access a service via the Internet, the computer being provided with an agent according to claim 8.

15. [Currently amended] A module for managing profile information, the module being operable to detect a service request indication and generate an update request to provide

correct information to a remote profile database to update the previously supplied information stored at said remote profile database with said correct information.

16. [Original] A module according to claim 15 operable to transmit the update request to an agent provided on a user's computer.

17. [Currently amended] A module according to claim 15 wherein the service request indication comprises a service request transmitted to a service available on the Internet.

18. [Previously presented] A module according to claim 15 wherein the service request information comprises a request for profile information transmitted from a server to the remote profile database.

19. [Previously presented] A proxy server, the server being operable to communicate with a user's computer and the Internet, the server being provided with a module according to any claim 15.

20. [Previously presented] A system comprising a computer being operable to access a service via the Internet, the computer being provided with an agent according to claim 8; and a proxy server the proxy server being operable to communicate with a user's computer and the Internet, the server being provided with a module for managing profile

information, the module being operable to detect a service request indication and generate an update request to provide correct information to a remote profile database.

21. [New] A method of obfuscating user profile information stored on a remote profile system comprising:

(a) loading said remote profile system with profiles of users, the profiles normally containing dummy profile information regarding said users; and

(b) updating profile information of a particular user to reflect correct profile information regarding said particular user during a period of time when said particular user allows a third party to access the user's correct profile information temporarily available on said remote profile system, after which third party access the profile information of the particular user is updated to comprise dummy information.